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# THE FLYER

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## Fitness Center launches new programs



Adrienne Price photo

Members of the SU community lined up last Tuesday night for the University Fitness Center's new programs. Above, participants feel the burn during the BodyStep program.

By Lauren Sadler  
*Staff Writer*

The University Fitness Center launched three new programs this week, all of them exclusively for students. According to the company's Web site, Les Mills is changing the way the world thinks about fitness, and now students can experience three of their pivotal programs. A fourth will be available in March.

"Les Mills is the biggest and the best. They're a huge organization; their programs are offered in 72 countries and five million people take their classes every week," said Salisbury Fitness Coordinator Kristin Watson.

"People who've taken the classes say they're off the hook. Everyone's super excited," Watson said.

The three new programs offered in the UFC's newly renovated fitness studio are

BodyStep, BodyPump and BodyFlow. Each class is an hour long.

"All of the programs are choreographed by exercise physiologists. They can be challenging, but they're simple once you've learned. The choreography changes every three months," Watson said. The assigned choreography also allows the instructors to properly coach and connect with the participants.

"Free-range teachers don't have that option."

BodyStep is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program's choreography is centered around a height-adjustable step. The moves tone and condition the lower body, while increasing cardio fitness and coordination.

BodyPump requires the use of a barbell, which strengthens the entire body at an aerobic pace. A typical class includes chest, back, abdominals, shoulders, biceps and triceps exercises, as well as squats and lunges. According to the Les Mills Web site, participants can burn up to 600 calories per class. Only 30

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## Growth on the bay

### Horton leads environmental symposium

By Stacie Manger  
*Staff Writer*

Well-known writer Tom Horton, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) President William Baker and Maryland Department of Planning Director Joe Tassone spoke Wednesday night to

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R. L. Pusey photo

Author Tom Horton speaks at a symposium Wednesday night in the GUC.



Sarah Jacobs photo

Students attempt to cross Rt. 13 at Dogwood Drive Wednesday afternoon.

## SU considers implementing Earth Science B.S. program

By Nick Lehwald  
*Staff Writer*

The Henson School of Science has announced the creation of a new degree track to be offered for the first time in fall 2009. Officially titled Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, it will be run by the Department of Geography and Geosciences in collaboration with the Seidel School of Education.

With the new program, SU will be able to offer bachelor's degrees in all four natural sciences for secondary education majors. This is important because anyone wanting to teach Earth Science must have a degree in it to become certified. With the high demand for qualified math and science teachers, Salisbury University is stepping up its ability to produce them. SU will be the only school on the Eastern Shore to offer such a program, giving students an advantage in the job market after graduation.

While the program is waiting to be approved by the Maryland

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Jonathan Moynihan  
*Staff Writer*

For students new and old, Route 13 has always been the primary road taken to get around town. However, the highway most used by the residents of Salisbury has become one of the most dangerous avenues for citizens and students alike.

Just this past month, Leon Fontaine, a 40-year-old Wal-Mart employee was hit and killed on his way to work, Salisbury city police said. The investigation is still pending.

"I've personally seen people jaywalking and running across Rt. 13 too many times to count, and it's usually at night," said Jeremy Latimer, an SU alum who suffered a close call this past year while cruising down the highway.

While waiting for the light to change on Route 13, Latimer spotted three young boys running across the street. As the light turned green, Latimer began to drive. As traffic approached, two of the three jay-walkers stopped, but one continued out into the middle of the road.

All of it happened in a split-second

SEE Crosswalk Pg. 3

## Campus goes green

### SU participates in national recycling contest

By Vanessa Junkin  
*Staff Writer*

Rosing-Johnson, Manager of the SU Horticulture and Grounds department.

"If you look outside, we've paired every trash can with a recycle can," she said.

Students living on campus who decide to recycle can help their residence hall earn points for April's Spring Olympics — and meanwhile, help the environment

SEE Recyclemania on Pg. 3



Tara Finney photo

Citron Robins, of SU's horticulture and grounds staff, clears the recycling from the Severn/Chester dumpsite Monday afternoon.

# Briefly Stated

## Obama Online Campaign Manager Lecture

During the 2008 campaign, presidential candidate Barack Obama was credited with revolutionizing the campaign process through innovative applications of Web-based marketing tools – a feat that helped him get elected to the White House. The brainchild behind that revolution, Obama's online advertising campaign manager Emily Williams, shares some of the strategies used at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Henson Science Hall Room 103. An interactive account executive with MSHC Partners of Washington, D.C., Williams also speaks on life behind the scenes on the digital campaign trail, managing accounts on popular networking sites including Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. Sponsored by the Perdue School of Business and the SU chapter of the American Marketing Association, her talk is free and the public is invited.

## Support ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps!

Enjoy a meal at UNO Chicago Grill every Thursday during February 2009 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and up to 20 percent of your bill (excluding tax & tip) will be donated to ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps!

**IMPORTANT:** To participate in this fundraiser, you will need to present a certificate to your server when you pay your bill. Certificates are available online at [www.salisbury.edu/ameri-corps](http://www.salisbury.edu/ameri-corps). Certificates are also available at the ShoreCorps/PALS office, located in the Camden House across Camden Avenue from Severn Hall and the Commons. Thank you for helping us expand the reach of ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps members on Maryland's Eastern Shore!

**Muslim Student Association Holds Interest Meeting**  
The Muslim Student Association Interest Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in Caruthers 103. Muslims as well as non-Muslims interested in learning more about Islam are invited. The MSA meets each Thursday from 4-6 in Caruthers 103. Can't attend? E-mail [sumsa@salisbury.edu](mailto:sumsa@salisbury.edu) so we can stay in touch!

**Bernstein Award Meeting**  
Students who would like to learn more about the Bernstein Award Competition and the campus resources available to them create their plans are invited to an information meeting 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, in Caruthers Hall Room 118. The 2008-2009 Bernstein Award Competition will award \$5,000 to the best plan for a new business. Both individuals and groups are encouraged to enter. Also, the Small Business Administration is offering a Business Plan Seminar 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in Caruthers Hall Room 102. For more information contact Bill Burke, Bernstein Competition interim director, at 410-677-5386 or [wpburke@salisbury.edu](mailto:wpburke@salisbury.edu).

# Weekly Poll

We asked 100 SU students:

Do you think less of Michael Phelps?

21% 79%

YES NO

# And the race is on!

## Local worthies announce candidacy for mayor



Bob Caldwell



Gary Comegys



Michael Della Penna



Jim Iretton

By Randon Ryland  
*Staff Writer*

The city of Salisbury's mayoral primary will be held March 3. Candidates include Robert Caldwell, Gary A. Comegys, Michael Della Penna III and Jim Iretton. Current mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman has declined to run again.

All four candidates challenge eligible SU students to register and engage in the political process, as the candidates are well aware of student-community issues such as off-campus housing, neighborhood crime and safety.

Jim Iretton is an elementary school teacher, ex-councilman and 1992 SSU alum. He is also part of a student safety treaty affiliated with SU through which he researched crime with students in the fall. Crime and safety are Iretton's biggest concern for students, as well as legitimate housing agreements between students and renters. "The safety of students is most important. If our relationship was strained before, safety issues won't do anything to improve that." In Iretton's view, "Salisbury has always been a college-town. Conversely, I don't believe in students' belief stating 'If we weren't here, Salisbury would close up and go away.'

Robert Caldwell served two terms as President of the Salisbury City Council and campaigned for mayor once before. He described his attitude toward student-community relations as, "It's possible to overestimate the value of the University to life in Salisbury." Later on he admitted "the relationship between the students and the town tends to have a focus on the negative and it tends to oversee the tremendous benefits from having stu-

dents in the town." To Caldwell, the most important issue is public safety. Caldwell wants city police to improve because "students are pretty much targets for victim activity and that needs to stop."

Michael Della Penna III owns an automobile business and is nicknamed the Pizza-man from his jobs in food management. If elected, he would provide more oversight on student-housing and challenge city police to work closely with students because "students deserve the best; they're here preparing for their future."

Gary Comegys is currently Salisbury's City Council Vice President. "[The University] is an important part of what Salisbury is," Comegys said, "and I look forward, as mayor, to working with the University to build better relationships. We must realize we do have challenges such as housing and crime and parking but we must work together to solve them." Comegys, a 1972 alum, said he is very proud of what the University and students do for the community.

Students wishing to register to vote in the election must register by Tuesday, Feb. 10. Hand-delivered registrations are accepted until 9 p.m.; mailed registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 10 at the latest.

"Iretton keeps students in mind; I think he's the best candidate," said Carrie Griffith, an SU sophomore who plans to vote.

"Mr. Iretton was my second grade teacher at St. Francis de Sales. He's a good guy," said Jeff Malcolm, a junior.

Students seeking registration or election info can visit the University's PACE building for more information.

## Career Services beefs up mentor network of alumni

By Sarah Lake  
*Editor-in-Chief*

jobs, internships or advice to professionals who graduated from SU.

Career Services has used eRecruiting for five years. The program operated on a "token economy." Two months ago, the company upgraded its services and look.

"[Token economy] was a terminology used for the number of contacts you can make in a month's period of time," he said. "You only had ten per month and the reason for that was the mentors were protected from being overwhelmed."

Now, mentors can list how many times they want to be contacted per month. Once the mentor has been contacted a certain number of times, their profile is closed until the beginning of a new month.

The network can be accessed through eRecruiting, an online registration system used by Career Services to connect students looking for

cott, most complain they are never contacted.

Craig Abresch, Eastern Shore Regional Library director, said he hasn't been contacted in two or three years. He keeps his name on the list, he said, because the program provides insight to which students would not otherwise have access.

"In a formal classroom setting, you get formal instruction," he said. "Advice and support from a mentor are real life, informal experiences."

To brose potential mentors, students can log on at <http://salsburyrecruiting.com/en/security/login.jsp> using their Novell log-in name and password.

"80 percent of people find jobs through networking and this is a good tool for that," Endicott said. "I encourage all students to use it."

## SCHOOL GOVERNMENT SGA holds first spring '09 forum

By Laura Bounds  
*Staff Writer*

The Salisbury University Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off the semester on Sunday, Feb. 8 with its first open forum.

After welcoming everyone to a new year, SGA President Pat Gotham addressed the large number of students attending regarding the mission of the association. "This is a great way to voice any concerns you may have," Gotham said. "We are here for you."

Throughout the remainder of the school year, SGA plans to bring in speakers that will talk about different issues concerning the campus. One of those issues discussed at the forum was the parking garage being built on Wayne St., which looks to serve mostly students, but a committee still needs to speak on specifics.

An important segment of the night was spent discussing the eligibility of becoming a Registered Student Organization (RSO) and what the expectations are for such groups. Many new clubs, including a TV News Club and a Medical Career Society, were brought forth and encouraged to seek recognition.

The SGA also welcomed four new members to their 2009 Executive board. Sworn in were Joseph Esposto as Treasurer, Jackie Kohn as Parliamentarian, Phylis Gregorio as Speaker of the Senate and Hayley Eiland as Executive Vice President.

People can participate per class because of the limited number of barrels, Watson said.

Bodyjam, available in March, is all about dancing. According to the Les Mills Web site, "It's like the Spanish Inquisition with a hip-hop soundtrack." Its dance moves develop coordination at a high-rate cardio pace. Some of the dance moves include a step ball change, combo, samba and a "freakin fakin house block."

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every genre. This encourages participants to sing along, which enhances and challenges heart rates even more. Flo Rida's "In the Ayer" is played during BodyPump, Nick Skitz's "Listen to Your Heart" is played in BodyPump and "Lost" by Coldplay is heard during BodyFlow. New songs are offered with the new choreography every three months.

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# GLOBAL

February 10, 2009

## Phelps caught in the act

By Sarah Duffy  
Staff Writer

American Olympic hero Michael Phelps was caught smoking marijuana when a photo surfaced of him with a bong at a party in November. The 14-time gold medalist has been suspended from USA Swimming for three months. Phelps will be eligible to return to competition in May, two months before the 2009 World Championships in Rome. The Olympic swimmer has come to terms with the suspension.

"It's not my decision, it's theirs," Phelps said to the *Kansas City Star* on Feb. 6. "It's fair. Obviously, for a mistake, you should get punished."

Phelps, 23, admitted on Sunday, Feb. 1 that the photo, first appearing in the tabloid *News of the World*, was him. The Olympic swimmer connects his drug use to his age and poor judgment.

"I'm 23-years-old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way," Phelps said to Fox News on Feb. 2.

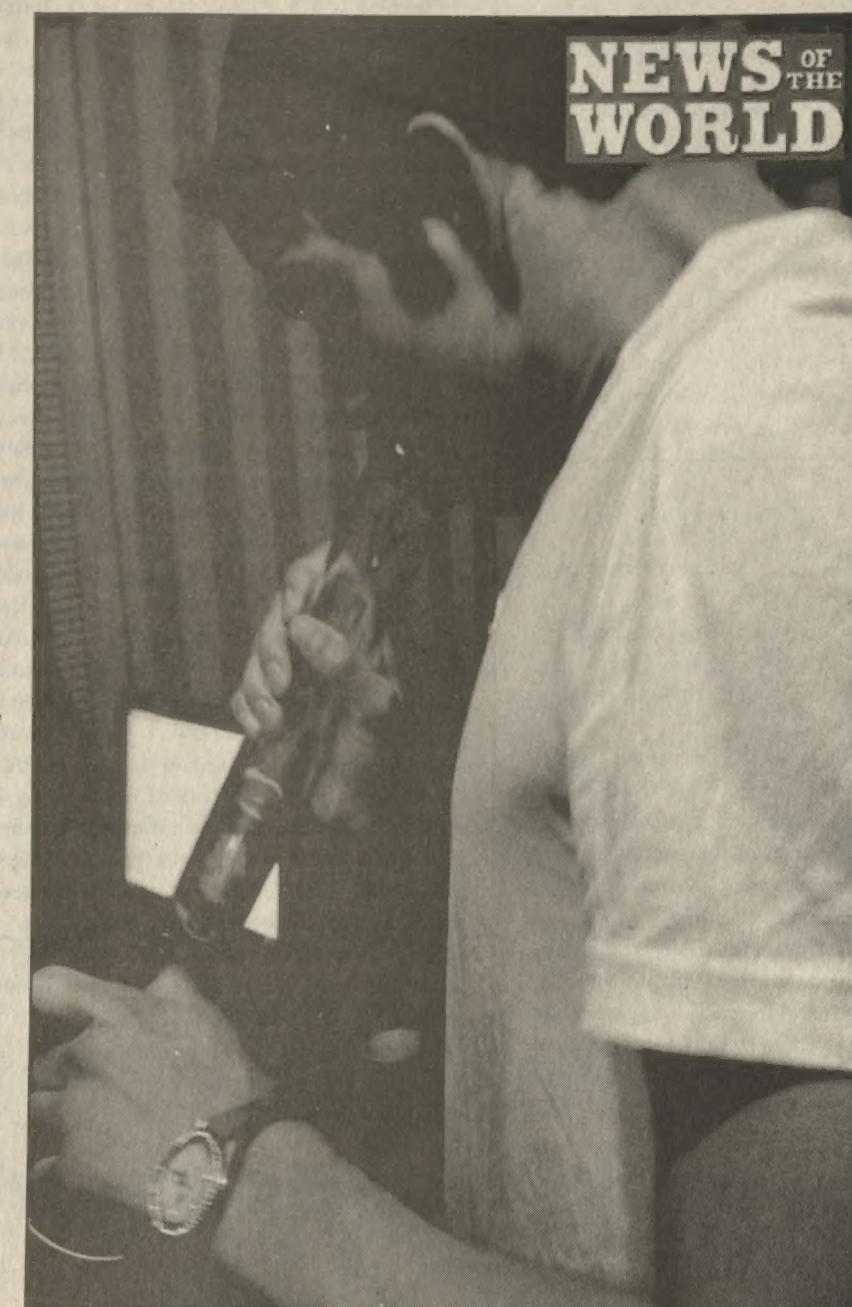
Phelps will sit out of several smaller meets, and the suspension includes the withdrawal of a monthly \$1,750 stipend provided to national team members. Having never tested positive for drugs, the suspension sets a precedent for other athletes who could be suspended without a positive result on a drug test.

"As a youth sports organization with hundreds of thousands of young athletes, we simply felt that it was important to send a message that we thought to be in the best interest of Michael, USA Swimming, the Olympic Movement and the sport," said Chuck Wielgus, director of USA Swimming, in *The Baltimore Sun* on Feb. 7. "The decision was not made quickly or easily, and many were consulted in the process. I also want to stress that this decision was made in collaboration with Michael and he was in no way coerced or threatened; to his credit, he participated in the process and voluntarily accepted the reprimand."

So far, most of Phelps' sponsors are staying with him; however, Kellogg Company announced it will not attempt to renew its deal when it expires at the end of the month. Subway is the only sponsorship that has not made a statement saying it will continue using him as a spokesman. The company removed all references to Phelps from the front page of its Web site. Other companies such as Mazda, Omega and Speedo stand behind the Olympian and continue their sponsorships.

This not Phelps' first run-in with the law. In 2004, after winning six Olympic gold medals in Athens, he was arrested for driving under the influence in Salisbury. A sentence of 18 months probation was assigned after pleading guilty to the crime. In response to a guilty plea of driving while impaired, prosecutors dropped charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Phelps is continuing to practice, despite the suspension, but is unsure if he will perform at the 2012 Olympics which will take place in London.



newsfortheworld.co.uk photo

The above photo of Phelps hitting a bong at a college party in November was first run in the British tabloid *News of the World*.

## Stimulus package aims to jumpstart economy

By Laura Dignan  
Staff Writer

Last Monday, the United States Senate opened debate on President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package of over \$800 billion. The original plan included \$30 billion for road construction, \$87 billion to help with Medicaid, \$145 billion in tax breaks and much more.

The House voted and passed the \$819 billion plan even though all Republicans voted against it, claiming that the bill needs to be tweaked. Many Senators are afraid that as the plan goes through the Senate, it may grow to almost \$900 billion.

The Obama administration is trying to get the plan approved as soon as possible to relieve the floundering economy.

"I hope [the House and Senate leaders] share my sense of urgency and draw the same unmistakable conclusion: The situation could not be more serious," President Obama said Friday.

During the ongoing recession, a total of 3.6 million people have lost their jobs. The plan is said to create three million jobs by the end of 2010. Many of these jobs would only replace those cut during the recession. Top White House economic advisors Christina Romer and Jared Bernstein warn that the impact of the package and the job creation numbers are hard to estimate.

"There is considerable uncertainty in our estimates," said Romer and Bernstein's report. "The uncertainty is surely higher than normal now because the current recession is unusual, both in its fundamental causes and its severity."

Many Republicans are still on the fence with the revised bill.

"Most of us are deeply skeptical that this will work," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-KY. "That level of skepticism leads us to believe that this course of action should not be taken."

Obama and his administration are having difficulty dealing with the lack of consensus among Senate leaders.

Americans across this country are struggling, and they are watching to see if we're equal to the task before us. Let's show them that we are, and let's do whatever it takes to keep the promise of America alive in our time," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

This week, House and Senate leaders are to meet in a conference to discuss and reconcile differences between each version of the stimulus plan.

The current fluctuations in gas prices definitely would not stimulate

## HISTORY CORNER

February 10  
1931 - New Delhi becomes the capital of India.

February 11  
1933-In round 13 of a boxing match at New York City's Madison Square Garden, Primo Carnera knocks out Ernie Schaaf, killing him.

February 12  
1999 - President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the United States Senate in his impeachment trial.

February 13  
2000 - The last original "Peanuts" comic strip appears in newspapers one day after Charles M. Schulz dies.

February 14  
1929 - St. Valentine's Day Massacre: Seven people, six of them gangster rivals of Al Capone's gang, are murdered in Chicago, Illinois.

February 15  
1849-In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes the first serving President of the United States to have his photograph taken.

February 16  
2005-YouTube, the popular Internet site on which videos may be shared and viewed by others, is launched in the United States.

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## Middle East in turmoil from Israel-Gaza conflict

By Meredith Ray  
Staff Writer

An informal, temporary truce between Israel and Hamas was declared Jan. 18 when Israel pulled their troops from the Gaza Strip after three weeks of fighting. The violence and conflict has continued intermittently despite the temporary cease-fire, as no official peace treaty has yet been agreed upon. A rocket from Hamas-controlled Gaza landed in the Israeli city of Ashkelon Tuesday. Israel has fought back by bombing tunnels under Egypt and Gaza.

"It appears that Hamas is out to deliberately undermine any chance for quiet," said Mark Regev, spokesman for Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. "Allowing the launching of deadly rockets at Israeli cities, Hamas alone holds responsibility for any possible escalation."

In return for a peace treaty lasting at least one year, Hamas, the Palestinian group ruling Gaza, demands that any treaty include the opening of borders into Gaza, which have been closed by Egypt and Israel for the past 18 months. Hamas also wants some control in monitoring the border crossings as recognition of their power. At this point, Israel will not agree to have the borders fully opened or to give Hamas any role in their patrol. They fear that weapons will be smuggled into Gaza across the Egyptian border, which happened in the past.

Citizens in Gaza have undergone considerable damage from Israeli rockets. Homes, buildings and transportation have been destroyed. Thirty-seven primary and secondary schools have been severely damaged, with others serving as shelters. Civilians have been unable to receive supplies or help throughout the destruction. Israel intercepted and



AP photo

Israeli soldiers return to Israel from the northern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Jan. 18. Israel declared a unilateral cease-fire in the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

seized a Lebanese ship taking aid to Gaza on Thursday. Hamas has intercepted and confiscated over 3,500 blankets and 406 food parcels sent as aid for Gaza civilians from the United Nations. UN humanitarian chief John Holmes said on Wednesday the confiscation is unacceptable and demanded its return.

Gaza medics place the death toll at over 1,300, although Israel claims the number is exaggerated. No total has been released by Israel.

The Islamist group Hamas is considered a terrorist group by the U.S. and the European Union. They have controlled Gaza since June 2007.

Meanwhile, Egypt continues its mediation efforts, but with no results. Officials had hoped a treaty could be completed by Thursday; however, too many disagreements

## Daschle withdraws nomination as Obama's health secretary

By Kelley Matney  
Staff Writer

Last week, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination to be President Barack Obama's Secretary of Health and Human Services. His nomination withdrawal was due to a great deal of attention focused on mistakes that forced Daschle to pay \$140,000 in back taxes.

"Tom made a mistake, which he has openly acknowledged. He has not excused it, nor do I," Obama said in a White House statement. He added that the "mistake" should not lessen the "many contributions" Daschle has made to the country.

"If 30 years of exposure to the challenges inherent in our system has taught me anything, it has taught me that this work will require a leader who can operate with the full faith of Congress and the American people, and without distraction," Daschle said in a statement.

"Right now, I am not that leader, and will not be a distraction."

These events have taken some attention from President Obama's attempt to drive his economic stimulus plan through the Senate; the events have also caused difficulties with an initiative that Daschle had to refurbish the American health care system.

"I will not be the architect of America's health system reform, but I remain one of its more fervent supporters," Daschle said.

Daschle was one of Obama's initial supporters on the campaign trail.

In the days before his withdrawal, Senators seemed reluctant to publicly oppose Daschle's nomination. But the tide seems to change the morning of Feb. 3, when Republican Senator Jim DeMint called for Obama to withdraw Daschle's nomination — thus being the first to declare that the former majority leader's tax issues were a basis to exclude him.

Daschle has since paid \$146,000 in back payments and interest, and apologized for what he called income tax errors.

Obama's pick to be the White House's first performance officer, Nancy Killefer, also withdrew her nomination because of her own tax problems.

The nominees' tax problems also gave Republicans a new argument against President Obama and his party as the economic debate proceeded: that Democrats are inconsiderate about taxing other people because they themselves do not obey the tax laws.

Some lawmakers on Tuesday expressed surprise at Daschle's decision to withdraw.

"I believe that when the smoke clears and the frenzy has ended, no one will believe that this unwritten mistake should have erased 30 years of selfless public service and remarkable legislative skill and expertise on health care," Senator John Kerry said in a statement.

## Libyan dictator elected chairman of African Union

By Daniel McElwain  
Staff Writer

PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

Africa's 53-member assembly has elected President Moammar Gadhafi of Libya as the chairman of the African Union on Feb. 1. Gadhafi will be taking the African Union's yearly-rotating chairman position from the Tanzanian president, Jakaya Kikwete. Libya's official news agency has reported that Gadhafi, in his role as AU chairman, will try "to make a decision on establishing an executive instrument for the AU, to push Africa forward to become African united states, such as the United States of Africa."

For many years, Gadhafi was a man os-

traced by the West due to the Libyan president's history of supporting terrorism and coming to power in a coup in 1969. The bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in the late 1980s did a lot to condemn the Libyan ruler though the country has never admitted to having carried out the attack. In 2003, Gadhafi renounced terrorism and made steps to thrust Libya into global affairs. In 2006, Libya was taken off the United States' list of states supporting terrorism.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood, on America's relationship with the African Union under Gadhafi, said, "In terms of our working with the AU, we're going to continue, because we have a lot of interests and joint interest in terms of try-

ing to bring peace and stability and economic development and delivery of humanitarian assistance to the continent where it's needed."

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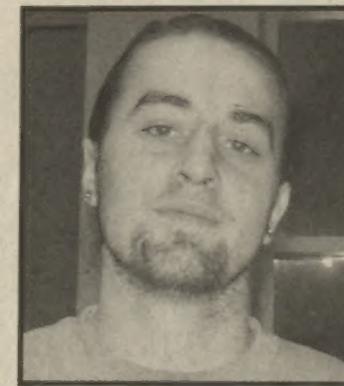
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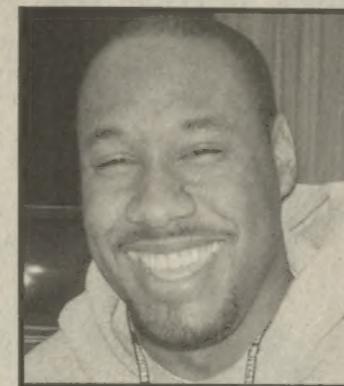
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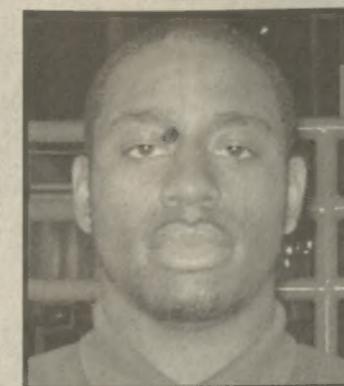
"Drop dead!"



"I'd ask him to have a drink with me."



"I'd tell him to shoot his arrow at Telecia."



"People can find mates on their own, they don't have to be conned."



"Why do you have a wasted holiday?"

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Tiffany Wilson - freshman

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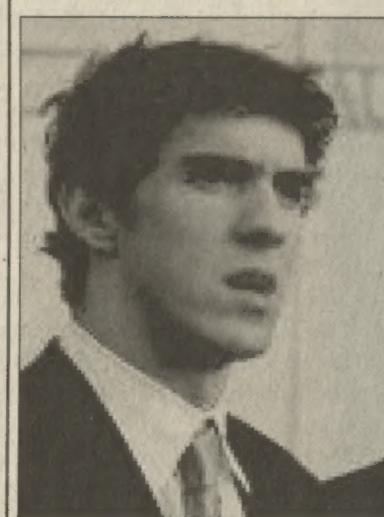
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## No one is perfect

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Michael Phelps

and awes those of us who have seen him swim, but there is not really any more reason to adulate him. Yes, he's probably a nice guy, but after considering his past run in with bad judgment—in 2004 Phelps was arrested for DUI at the age of 19—there is even less reason to have held him up as a role model to begin with.

Second, is what Phelps did really that wrong? Yes, he used an illegal substance, but so has about 37 percent of the population of this country. Let's face it, smoking marijuana is not exactly behavior only attributable to hardened criminals and drug addicts. In addition, alcohol and tobacco are commonly-used legal substances that have negative effects as destructive as marijuana, or more so. And contrast what he did in November to his DUI. The latter is by far a worse crime since he could have killed someone with his recklessness, yet he only received 18 months probation, a small fine and had to attend a MADD meeting.

Third, should Phelps be charged for his most recent mistake? Yes, if possible. As flawed as the marijuana policies in this country are, there should not be deference of justice just because Phelps is famous. That would establish a fundamentally unjust double standard.

First, why should we even consider Phelps to be a role model? He's a phenomenal swimmer to be sure, but that does not mean that we should dub him someone worthy of emulation. He's an athlete, not a moral leader. Yes, he provides inspiration for those who wish to excel at athletics



Nadya Suleman, left, speaks with NBC's Ann Curry on Thursday, Feb. 5 in Suleman's first interview since giving birth to octuplets last week.

## If eight is enough, 14 is ridiculous

By Kyra Milbourne  
Staff Writer

A picture was published recently of swimmer Michael Phelps smoking out of a bong at a college party last November. Phelps admitted that he was using marijuana in the picture and apologized for his "bad judgment." So far, as a consequence of his actions, Phelps was dropped as a spokesman for Kellogg's. USA Swimming banned him from competition for three months and he may face criminal charges. In addition, parents bemoan the fallings of a role model for children. The controversy does, however, raise some important questions.

# Environmental, International film series held at SU

## Film Series Calendar of Events

**February 12**

Two films:  
*Playing with Poison and Good Riddance!*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

An anthropologist's research on pesticide effects on children's development between towns and towns without exposure that is a wake up call to parents and community leaders. Then a light-hearted film follows the exploits of Eco, the clean, green pest controller with a clever biological solution for every pest problem. But getting rid of pests the clean and green way isn't always easy; sometimes the solutions don't quite work the way he hopes.

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

**February 23**

*Gharam fi al-Karnak (Love in Karnak)*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

The film tells a fictionalized account of the founding of Egypt's first national folkloric dance group, The Reda Troupe.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**March 2**

*Ru Guo Ai (Perhaps Love)*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

In the spirit of *Moulin Rouge*, the film has a Bollywood musical twist and is the vision of the cinematographer of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**February 16**

*Crapshoot*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

"Crapshoot is an informative and occasionally humorous look at the pros and cons of the sewer system. Great film for anyone who wants to know about one of the world's most taboo subjects." - Greenmize.com

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

*Vastnusmless (Headwind Hall) - Estonia*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

This documentary follows one man's crazy idea of building an opera house on an island inhabited by one person.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**February 26**

*Swim for the River*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

Chris Swain swims the entire length of the Hudson River, linking together stories of the river, from the Adirondack Mountain wilderness to New York City. We meet heroes and public indifference, and also see how ordinary citizens can and do make a difference.

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

**March 9**

*Fuera de jue go (Offsides)*

Sponsored by The Four Embassies

This film tells the story of Juan, a shy young man who dreams of emigrating to escape his world of suffocating poverty.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

Compiled by Rachael Stone

### Delmarva Environmental Film Festival

Over the months of February and March, the Wicomico Environmental Trust (W.E.T.) and SU's Bioenviro Club will be hosting the 2009 Delmarva Environmental Film Festival. The eco-friendly documentaries will be shown every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Henson 103 to students, faculty and members of the public.

The series is split up into four separate categories: Organic Farming/Pesticide Use, Recycling and Waste Management, Waste Management and Disposal and River Conservation. Experts will discuss and comment on the films after they have been shown.

The first film shown, the Canadian-made "Addicted to Plastics," is a documentary that revealed the importance of plastic in our society and confirmed just how easily it can be used as a pollutant. The documentary also showed the value of plastic in other countries, particularly India and Kenya, where it is sacred.

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# SPORTS

February 10, 2009

## Fugett and Turner deliver dominating performances

By Jonathan Murga  
Staff Writer

The physical differences between junior Brandon Fugett and sophomore Katy Turner are substantial, but both recently set Salisbury University records in their respective sports, partially because of their similar personality traits.

Fugett, a former glider who has switched to a spin technique, threw a school-record 15.3 meters in the shot put, smashing the current record by more than a foot on Jan. 31. Turner set a record in the 200-meter fly with a time of 2:31.33 on Jan. 24 and in the 100-meter fly with a time of 1:08.41 on Jan. 31.

While there is a stark disparity in height among other things, the similarities seem to start at the hard work done by both student-athletes. The coaches for each team rave about the amount of work the athletes have put in to get to the point where they are setting records.

"Brandon is one of the hardest workers on the team," said Kevin Lucas, the Sea Gulls' track and field coach. "This year he seems focused and knows what he wants to accomplish. He's pretty driven."

Meanwhile, Jill Stephenson, Salisbury's assistant athletic director and swimming coach, credits senior leadership for helping Turner develop the hard working tendencies that has attributed to her success.

"Last year, coming in as a freshman, she aligned herself with the senior girls and the girls



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Katy Turner

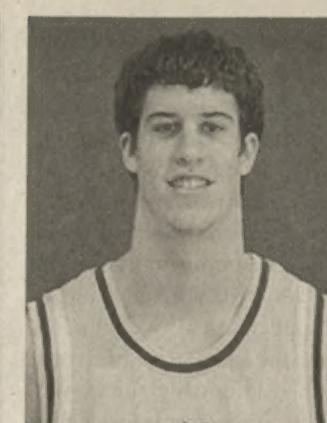
that are really working hard rather than the girls that hang back," Stephenson said. "I think that has made a big difference. She has a great work ethic and has been a factor in that lane and keeping everyone motivated."

Fugett and Turner credit off-season training as part of the reason for their record-setting performances.

"Winter term training was great. We all came to practice and worked really hard," Turner said. "Jill was really pleased and our times started to drop, which is what is supposed to happen."

Turner will look to continue her team's success and assault on records at the CAC Championships and Fugett continues his season at the Lafayette Rider Invitational in New York, both beginning on Feb. 13.

The hard work is not just for Turner and Fugett's considerable individual accomplishments, be-



Chris McGrew

By Assef Assefi  
Staff Writer

Salisbury center Chris McGrew towers over other athletes on the court at 6'9" and is often dominating opponents in the paint. He rocks the number 33 and hails from Paint Branch High School. When I caught up with our big man, I had some questions and he had all the answers.

AA: Who's your favorite athlete?  
CM: Tim Duncan.

AA: Ok, makes sense it would be a fellow big man. Who is your least favorite athlete?  
CM: Kobe.

AA: You seem like a pretty athletic guy. What made you pick Basketball?

CM: I've always been tall so I was thrown into it I guess.

AA: What are your aspirations after college?

CM: I'm not sure yet because I'm undecided and only a sophomore. Right now I'm just trying to focus on school and basketball.

AA: How far would you like to take your athletic career?

CM: I'd like to go as far as possible.

AA: What was the worst moment in your sporting career?

CM: Losing in the high school playoffs.

AA: What other sport would you play if not basketball?

## Athlete Spotlight

### Chris McGrew

CM: Baseball.

AA: How do you keep yourself motivated through a long season?  
CM: Work hard and try to improve my game every day.

**"Right now I'm just trying to focus on school and basketball."**

Chris McGrew  
Center

AA: If you could have any job what would it be?

CM: Not sure, but I think just being a millionaire is all right.

AA: What was the most rewarding moment in your sporting career?

CM: I'd have to say winning in the playoffs in my senior year at Paint Branch.

AA: What was the worst moment in your sporting career?

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## SU defeats Wesley on a Johnson buzzer beater

By Tom Watson  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (6-15, 6-6) tallied a big conference victory last Monday night when they defeated St. Mary's College 76-59 for the second time this season.

The Gulls started the game on a 13-4 run and never looked back, shooting 52 percent from the floor, their best all season. Junior forwards Kylie Hall and Janay Johnson led the Sea Gulls to victory with Hall pulling down a season-high 18 rebounds paired with 16 points while Johnson was busy sinking a team-high 22 points, her third 20-plus performance in the last five games.

The team was at it again Saturday afternoon, facing off against Wesley College in "Take a Kid to the Game" day. Parents and their children, youth groups and students alike came out to watch the thrilling game.

Outside it was beautiful sunny blue skies, but no one told the Salisbury women's team as the real excitement occurred inside the gymnasium with Salisbury defeating Wesley on a last second, game-winning shot.

The first half belonged to Salisbury as they headed into the locker room holding a nine-point lead. However, the momentum quickly shifted to the Wolverines as they held Salisbury scoreless for the first five minutes of the second half, allowing Wesley to close the gap and tie the game in a contest that saw eight ties and seven lead changes.

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